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ONE APPLICATION DEVICE

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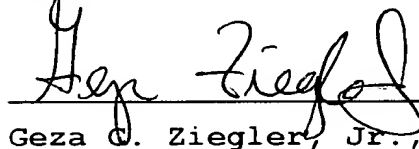
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Application No. DE 10021389.8. The Search Report cited German Patent Application Nos. DE 19821235 A1, DE 4124024 A1, and DE 4407319 A1.

Copies of the German Search Report and the cited references are enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

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